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Dear Sir:

REQUEST FOR FILING CONTINUATION APPLICATION  
UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 CFR 1.53 of co-pending application Serial No. 09/626,608, filed July 27, 2000, by Brent J. Bos, Stephen J. Forbes and Roger L. Veldman, entitled VEHICLE INSTRUMENTATION/CONSOLE LIGHTING, which is a continuation Serial No. 09/287,926, filed April 7, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,139,172, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 08/937,480, filed on September 25, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 5,938,321, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 08/367,844, filed December 30, 1994, now United States Patent No. 5,671,996.

1. Copy of Prior Application as Filed Which is Attached

I hereby verify that the attached papers are a copy of what is shown in my records to be the above-identified prior application, including the Declaration as originally filed (37 CFR 1.53). No amendments referred to in any Declaration filed to complete the prior application introduced new matter in that application.

The copy of the papers of the prior application as filed which is attached includes 21 pages of specification, 10 pages of claims (83 claims), 1 page of Abstract, 7 sheets of drawings, and signed Declaration and Power of Attorney.

2. Amendments

A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed. Claims added by this amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.

3. Filing Fee and Calculation

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| Basic Fee   | \$ 740.00 |
| Additional Fees   |           |
| Each independent claim in excess of three, times \$84.00  | \$ 84.00  |
| Number of claims in excess of twenty, times \$18.00       | \$2070.00 |
| Filing multiple dependent claims per application \$280.00 | \$ .00    |
| Total Filing Fee  | \$2894.00 |

A check in the amount of \$2894 for the filing fee is enclosed herewith.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 22-0190.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following fees during the pendency of this application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 22-0190.

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- a) Any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims for which full payment has not been tendered.
- b) Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17 for which full payment has not been tendered.

4. Drawings

Seven (7) sheets of drawings are enclosed and are copies of those filed in the parent application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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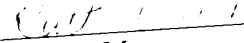
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I certify that the attached return postcard; check in the amount of \$2894 (filing fee); Certificate of Mailing by Express Mail; Request for Filing Continuation Application Under 37 CFR 1.53(b) (in duplicate); Bibliographic Data Sheet; Preliminary Amendment with attached proposed revised drawings and a new Abstract; Version with Markings to Show Changes Made; copy of prior application including 21 pages of specification, 10 pages of claims (83 claims), 1 page of Abstract, 7 sheets of drawings, and signed Declaration and Power of Attorney are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as Express Mail in an envelope having Express Mail Mailing Label Number EV054960394US addressed to:

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